

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 19, 2005

Dear Colleague,

We would like share a statement from Sean Morrison, Ph.D., a prominent cell biologist at the University of Michigan who specializes in research using adult stem cells:

"We work with a variety of adult stem cells everyday in my laboratory and I can tell you that they clearly cannot do the same things as embryonic stem cells. Embryonic stem cells offer unique possibilities for devising new treatments for currently incurable diseases. If we really want to deliver the promise of stem cell research to society we have to stop working with one hand tied behind our back and resolutely move ahead with research on both embryonic and adult stem cells."

The stem cell issue is not a competition between adult and embryonic stem cells. Scientists require access to all research tools to develop these lifesaving cures.

Should you wish to discuss the issue further or should you wish to receive more information on the facts listed above, please feel free to contact Alissa Southworth with Congressman Bass (5-5206) or Elizabeth Pika with Congresswoman Baldwin (5-2906).

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress



Charles Bass
Member of Congress